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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yusuke AMINO, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR PURIFYING THE SAME, CRYSTALS THEREOF AND USES OF THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references were filed on March 7, 2002, June 11, 2002 and January 9, 2003 and were also entered by the U.S. Patent Office on September 9, 2002 in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/091,500, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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**RELATED CASES**

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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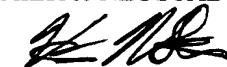
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